

Metaltec Aerosystems

Wildcat Road Franklin Borough Sussex County

BLOCK: 64 LOT: 13

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SITE DESCRIPTION/RESOLUTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS:

Metaltec Aerosystems manufactured pen and lipstick casings at this site between 1965 and 1980. Operations at the site caused the soil and ground water to become contaminated with volatile organic compounds and metals. The contaminated ground water migrated off site, resulting in the closure of three residential drinking water wells and the Borough's backup water supply well in 1980. USEPA added the Metaltec Aerosystems facility to the National Priorities List of Superfund sites (NPL) in 1983. In 1984, USEPA began a Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS) to determine the nature and extent of the contamination at the site and evaluate cleanup alternatives. The RI/FS revealed that four parcels of soil and both the shallow and bedrock aquifers were contaminated. USEPA signed the first Record of Decision (ROD) for the site with NJDEP concurrence in 1986. The ROD required excavation, treatment and off-site disposal of the contaminated soil, implementation of a supplemental ground water investigation, and provision of an alternate water supply to the Borough to replace lost drinking water capacity due to the closure of the backup water supply well. By 1988, USEPA had removed approximately 4,900 cubic yards of soil from three of four contaminated parcels at the site. An alternate water supply pipeline to provide the Borough with water from two privately developed wells was completed in 1991. In 1990, after completing a study of the ground water at the site, USEPA signed a second ROD with NJDEP concurrence that required installation of a remediation system to extract and treat the contaminated ground water. Additional investigative work is being performed as part of the Remedial Design for the ground water remediation system. USEPA completed remediation of the fourth parcel of contaminated soil in 1995. Approximately 10,500 cubic yards of contaminated soil have been removed from the site since remedial activities began.